

Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A digital electronic method for increasing the calculation accuracy in non-linear functions, comprising the steps of:

inputting, for processing, into a first multiplexing device of an electronic data processing device with  $2^F = f$  inputs, each with  $m$  locations, a value of a generally non-linear function which is present as a number and which serves as an input word together with a respective coded control word  $f$  having the input format

$$EF_f = S \text{ } \ddot{U}1_f M_f A1_f$$

with the point being at an undetermined location, wherein  $S$  represents the plus or minus sign,  $\ddot{U}1_f$  the locations with the highest values ~~which likely can never be used~~ are used only in case of overflow,  $M_f$  the locations with the uniform width  $m$  and  $A1_f$  the locations with the lowest value, which ~~cannot be~~ are not used, and the index " $f$ " is the coded control word of the length  $F$ ,

transforming said value ~~is transformed~~ in the data processing device to an intermediate format

~~$$ZF = S \text{ } \ddot{U}Z_e A2_e$$~~

$$ZF = s \text{ } \ddot{U}2_c B_c A2_c$$

with ~~( $m=1$ )~~ ( $m+1$ ) locations and a fixed point location, (fixed point representation) wherein the locations  $\ddot{U}1_f$  and  $\ddot{U}2_c$ , that is the locations  $2_c$  of the overflow block  $\ddot{U}$ , are checked in an overflow device for overflow and which, upon occurrence of a fixed location, ~~is~~ are capable of generating an alarm, and wherein the lower value locations  $A1_f$  and  $A2_e$   $A2_c$  are cut off in an electronic cut-off device (A),

dividing the number range which is represented at the output of the first multiplex device by the intermediate format  $ZF$  into  $C$  intervals of partially different sizes which cover the whole number range of  $ZF$  without overlapping and without gaps, and dividing the intermediate format  $ZF$  into a range  $K_c$  for coding and a range  $G_c$  of low value locations ~~wherein both ranges may overlap~~.

2. (currently amended) A digital electronic system for increasing the calculation accuracy in non-linear functions, comprising:

a first multiplexing device (M1) with  $2^F$  inputs for inputting arbitrary input formats (which ~~can be~~ are numbered) with a certain word width  $m$  and having a fixed point at different locations,

a further coded control input by way of which the numbered input formats  $EF_f$  ~~can be~~ are addressed,

an output with a uniform intermediate format  $ZF$  also of predetermined word width wherein the fixed point is only at a predetermined location,

an overflow device (Ü) for receiving the highest value locations  $\underline{Ü1}_f$  of the input format  $EF_f$  ~~which are likely never set and also to which~~ the higher value locations  $\underline{Ü2}_c$  of the intermediate word  $ZF_m$  at the multiplexing device ( $M1$ ) which must be checked for overflow are added and which are interrogated for locations different from zero in order to provide an alarm if set locations are found,

a coding device  $K$ , in which a coding range  $K_c$  is generated from the partial range  $B_c$  to be coded of the intermediate format  $ZF_m$ ,

a cut-off device ( $A$ ) in which the lowest value locations  $A1_f$  and the low value locations  $A2_c$  are eliminated from further processing, and

a second multiplexing device M2 in which the coded range  $SK_c$  which is provided with a sign and the attached uncoded range  $G_c$  of the low value locations in the intermediate format ZF are transformed into a predetermined output format AF.

3. (original) A digital electronic system according to claim 2, wherein said overflow device, said coding device and said cutoff device consist of logic components.

4. (original) A digital electronic system according to claim 3, wherein said system includes one of a specific chip and a specific set of chips.

5. (new) A method according to claim 1, comprising the following additional steps: performing the coding  $K_c$  in an electronic coding device (K) from a partial coding range  $B_c$ , attaching the lower value locations  $G_c$  to the coding  $SK_c$ , and performing in a second multiplexing device (M2) with C inputs of the width of the output format AF electronically the transformation  $K_c G_c \rightarrow KG$ , whereby a uniform output formal AF = SK is provided.